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Chicago chef Radhika
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testant on this season's
"Top Chef: New York."

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FOR METROMIX

Top Chef 2-peat?

Another Chicago contestant
is hungry for the top prize **18-19**

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Executive Chef

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Chicago's Most Beautiful Dog tourney

Has it really been a year since our last Chicago's Most Beautiful Dog tourney? Well, it's time to raise the woof again.

Upload a photo of your dog at redeyechicago.com/dogs for a chance to have it become one of the 32 finalists in our online competition.

The finalists will all appear in a future edition of RedEye and will vie for the title of Chicago's Most Beautiful Dog. The only rule is the dog and owner must live in the Chicago-area. We'll be taking nominations until Dec. 1, and the tourney will start on Dec. 8.



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RANDOM DILEMMA

We asked. You responded. Here are the results from Tuesday's Random Dilemma, in which we asked if you would rather get blindsided by Brian Urlacher or get hit in the ribs by a Kerry Wood fastball.

45% Get blindsided by Brian Urlacher **55%** Get hit in the ribs by a Kerry Wood fastball

Here's another: Which would you rather do? Text **"pick"** and the number of your response to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

Have your pinkie cut off permanently (1) OR Have your pinkie cut off and replaced with a finger from a cadaver (2)



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**TUESDAY'S
WINNER:**

**"Jenga ...
jenga ...
jenga!"**

—ESTER ALEGRIA

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To meet

Meet George Duran, host of Food Network's "Ham on the Street," and pick up a signed copy of his cookbook "Take This

Dish and Twist It" at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Borders (830 N. Michigan Ave.).

To win

Visit kohls.com through Dec. 28 for a chance to win \$10,000 or a trip for four to Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.

To discover

Find out what songs and albums other bands, DJs and musicians say are inspiring them at mysecretplaylist.com.

To find

Look out for 5,000 wallets dropped around Chicago through Thursday containing \$5 to \$20 BK Crown Cards and \$1 to \$100 cash.



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**TODAY'S
FORECAST**

More rain likely



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Chance of rain



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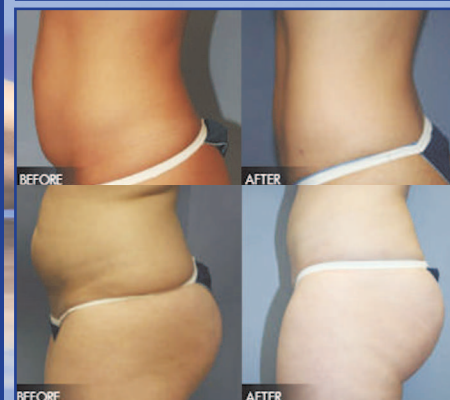
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Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin gives an interview Sunday to local media at her home in Wasilla, Alaska. MCT

PALIN'S '12?

Former VP candidate says she'd run for president 'if there is a door open'

Associated Press

WASILLA, Alaska Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin says she wouldn't hesitate to run for the presidency in four years if it's God's will, even though she never thought Campaign 2008 would be "as brutal a ride as it turned out to be."

In a series of interviews in the wake of last Tuesday's elections, Palin said she had no problem with Republican presidential nominee John McCain, but she resents rumors she said were spread about her and her family by the Arizona Republican's aides. She emphatically denied that she was a drag on the GOP ticket.

"I think the economic collapse had a heck of a lot more to do with the campaign's collapse than me personally," the governor said in an interview broadcast Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show.

Palin also said "There were a lot of times I wanted to shout out, 'Hey, wait a minute, it's

not true.' It's pretty brutal."

Nevertheless, the relatively obscure governor of Alaska, whose selection for the ticket by McCain in August brought excitement—and controversy—to the 2008 campaign, said she would be eager to do it all again under the right circumstances.

"I'm like, OK, God, if there is an open door for me somewhere, this is what I always pray, I'm like, don't let me miss the open door," Palin said in an interview with Fox News on Monday. "And if there is an open door in '12 or four years later, and if it is something that is going to be good for my family, for my state, for my nation, an opportunity for me, then I'll plow through that door."

In the wide-ranging interview, Palin said she neither wanted nor asked for the \$150,000-plus wardrobe the Republican Party bankrolled, and thought the issue was an odd one at the end of the campaign, considering "what is going on in the world today."

OUT AND ABOUT

For anyone who thought Sarah Palin might hole up in her home state, think again. Palin announced this week that she will be front and center at the Republican Governors Association annual meeting in Miami this week, delivering remarks about "Looking Toward the Future" and holding a news conference. **WASHINGTON POST**

Palin has been mentioned as a possible presidential candidate in 2012. She also could seek re-election in 2010 or challenge Sen. Lisa Murkowski. Still uncertain is the fate of Sen. Ted Stevens, who is leading in his bid for another term but could be ousted by the Senate for his conviction on seven felony counts of failing to report more than \$250,000 in gifts, mostly renovations on his home. If Stevens loses his seat, Palin could run for it in a special election.

Would you rather ...



Lick a shopping cart ...

Though hardly Public Enemy No. 1, shopping carts are gaining a reputation as one of the dirtiest public places, with some found to harbor such microbial villains as the diarrhea-causing *Campylobacter* and the potentially deadly *salmonella*, the Wall Street Journal reports.

Some entrepreneurs and grocers are trying to take the gross out of grocery carts by introducing "cart washes" and providing disinfectant wipes, protective covers that minimize infants' contact with the seat, full-cart liners and portable, snap-on handles carried by consumers.



... or wear this pendant every day for the rest of your life?

If you're in the market for a diamond-studded gold gorilla pendant, the North Carolina Department of Revenue may have just what you're looking for—thanks to busted drug dealers.

The department hopes to auction hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of jewelry confiscated during drug busts over the past year by the department's unauthorized substances division. The diamond gorilla has a stone missing, but it's still appraised at \$21,600.

WALL STREET JOURNAL, AP CONTRIBUTED.

» Need a random dilemma to ponder? Take a peek over at **Page 2**.

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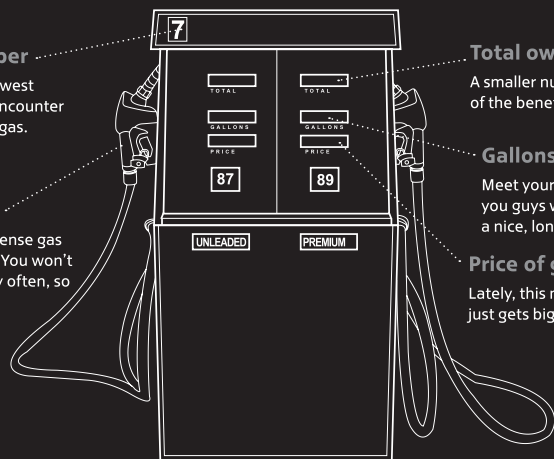
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hey, cta

Have something to say about public transit in Chicago? Send your ideas and opinions to goingpublic@tribune.com.

Wouldn't you rather get into a car with no seats, but spaces to stand, rather than wait for the next train to come along? In either case, you'll probably be standing. One option, however, will get you home sooner.

Riders having 'L' of a time on CTA

West Side, represent. On Thursday, the CTA is holding a public meeting about making permanent certain experimental services affecting the West Side, including the Pink Line. "Going Public" columnist Kyra Kyles advised public patrons to attend and sound off, and she provided perspective on past and ongoing CTA experiments, including seat-lite cars on the Brown Line. Riders responded with their own transit takes.

The seat shuffle

["Going Public"] advised that "because the odds of scoring a seat during Brown Line rush already are low, it's not appealing to me to have those hopes dashed even further." If the seats are already nearly unavailable, then, logically, the only remaining space on the train would be standing room only. Wouldn't you rather get into a car with no seats, but spaces to stand, rather than wait for the next train to come along? In either case, you'll probably be standing. One option, however, will get you home sooner. Maybe the Blue Line (my line) would have offered a better trial run, since the aisles are often crowded with luggage. —ANDREW FINN, 30, LOGAN SQUARE

Throwing in the towel

I think the low rate of feedback regarding the CTA's budget/fare hikes for '09 is basically the payoff of their endgame. It's the desired result to the constant "Doomsday" rhetoric and it's paying off, at least for the CTA. Everyone is over it. Just fix it already. You win, we give up. —BEN GEORGE, 34, ANDERSONVILLE

Fear of falling

Whatever or whoever made the CTA allow people with pushcarts and baby carriages to board with these obstructing items? I have been riding CTA for over 30 years, [but] lately I have been so dissatisfied with how this is allowed. You have, at times, more than two or three baby carriages, along with pushcarts, obstructing your pathway. I have seen older people fall, which could be damaging to them. This is totally out of whack and I still await the day I [will] fall and hurt myself. —LOUIS ANGEL GARCIA, 59, MORGAN PARK MANOR/BEVERLY

Conductor from heaven

I took the Blue Line from the Damen stop [Nov. 4] around 8:05 [a.m.] for the first time in months. The platform was still crowded and the train was still packed, but the conductor was a joy. He gave us the weather report, updated us on slow zones and the amount of minutes [we were] behind—he was just so nice. I got off the train at Clark and Lake and there was a woman leading a blind man to the train and the doors were closing; he saw them and opened the doors to wait for them so they could get on. I was really impressed and wish I had been quick enough to get his name. If all CTA employees were only half as nice, riding a bus and/or train would be a tad more pleasant. —CASSANDRA MORRISON, 35, WEST PULLMAN



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Guess who's back ...

Chicago Tribune

After a banishment of nearly two years, Chief Illiniwek once again is putting on the buckskins, beads and turkey feathers.

The controversial mascot for the University of Illinois is back, if not by popular demand.

Since the University of Illinois Board of Trustees banned the 80-year-old mascot from sporting events in February 2007, citing cultural insensitivity, defenders of Chief Illiniwek have been working diligently toward a resurrection.

Last spring, a group of former chiefs held tryouts to select a new mascot. One dozen students tried out—undergoing nearly 8 weeks of training—before the honor was bestowed on then-junior Logan Ponce.

But what good was that without the chief's traditional regalia? The university had locked the original in its archives. So a group called Students for Chief Illiniwek paid to have a replica costume made.

The new mascot decked out in new duds will make his debut Saturday after Illinois plays Ohio State at Champaign-Urbana.

The student group paid \$4,500 to rent Assembly Hall on campus, where Chief Illiniwek will perform his traditional dance—free for students, \$5 for members of the public.

Defenders of the chief expect a big turnout and hope for many more appearances down the line.

With college costs skyrocketing and the job market in shambles, don't these students have greater concerns?

"I know there are other things going on," said junior Roberto Martell, president of the student group. "But Chief Illiniwek is a big priority. It inspired me to be a complete man."



U. of I. mascot Chief Illiniwek dances at his last game in 2007. NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE FILE



Fewer than 2,000 Chicago-area companies provide transit benefits.

ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE

Cheaper commutes?

Commuters can set aside pre-tax earnings for transit benefits, but not all companies offer it

Chicago Tribune

Stung by roller-coaster gas prices, commuters in record numbers are hopping aboard buses and trains in the Chicago area, but they can shave even more off the cost of getting to work—as much as \$500 a year.

By setting aside part of their pre-tax earnings, commuters can help cover transit or van-pooling costs.

The wrinkle is that fewer than 2,000 Chicago-area companies provide such benefits to workers, according to the Regional Transportation Authority.

Worried about air quality and traffic congestion, San Francisco recently became the nation's first to require businesses with more than 20 employees to offer transit benefits. Experts say Chicago could follow.

How much do I save?

Transit benefit plans work just like such popular employee programs as medical or child-care savings accounts.

Under federal tax law, a commuter can shelter up to \$115 a month, or \$1,380 a year, in pre-

tax dollars to help pay commuting expenses.

By putting aside this money before it's taxed, commuters can save from \$300 to more \$500, depending on their tax bracket.

For example, a worker making about \$30,000 a year in the 25 percent tax bracket who sets aside \$1,380 a year would save \$492 in state and federal taxes.

Companies benefit because they don't have to pay taxes on the amount employees earmark for the program. Companies can also choose to give workers up to \$115 a month in tax-free benefits for transit costs. The employer still gets the payroll-tax deduction.

Or employers and employees can share the cost of the benefit. Employers benefit from the payroll-tax deduction, and employees can set aside pre-tax earnings.

How does it work?

The program enables companies and employees to purchase CTA Transit Cards, Chicago Cards or RTA FareChecks, vouchers that pay for transportation anywhere on the RTA system, including Metra, the

South Shore line and certain Amtrak routes. Monthly passes and 10-ride tickets for Metra are also available.

The program is administered by a company's human resources department or by a third-party benefits provider.

One commuter's experience

Mitchell Scallet, 28, a Lincoln Square resident who takes the CTA's Brown Line to work, estimates he saves \$400 a year.

Instead of paying the \$1.75 fare, Scallet figures he pays only about 95 cents per ride by using the benefit program offered through his company, the Rosenthal Group.

The Rosenthal Group, which operates seven restaurants in Chicago, began offering the transit benefit program in January when it looked like the CTA would impose stiff fare increases.

Why doesn't everyone get it?

Only 53 percent of employers are aware of tax-free commuter benefits, and of those, only 46 percent offer the benefit to employees, according to one survey.

Many companies believe they are too small to offer the program or don't feel they have the resources or expertise to deal with the paperwork, experts say.

The RTA says the transit benefit program has grown steadily, and the agency anticipates a surge in interest, said Phillip Shayne, the RTA's director of regional services.

Fall is the traditional time for benefit program open enrollments, and fear of another round of gas price increases likely will prompt more employees to take advantage of the transit option, Shayne said.

Firefighters help search for girl

Chicago firefighters are helping a colleague's family search for their missing 15-year-old daughter, Tisha Muentes, last seen heading to Lincoln Park High School on a CTA bus Monday.

About 50 other firefighters and paramedics joined Fabian Muentes canvassing businesses in the neighborhood and handing out fliers.

Tisha, a sophomore at Lincoln Park High School, was last seen leaving her grandparents' home Monday morning. She called a friend at 7:20 a.m. Monday, saying she was on a Halsted Street bus and on her way to school, her dad said. Her parents said she



Muentes

never turned up in school that day. They said she doesn't have a boyfriend and a quick look at her MySpace page has not turned up anything unusual.

"I hope and pray that she ran away," Fabian Muentes said. "I don't want to think the worst, but she's not that kind of kid. She's never been a runaway.

When she gets upset, she just goes into her room and reads a book."

Fabian Muentes is a firefighter at Engine No. 91. Tisha's mother, Kristin McCluskey, is a paramedic on the South Side. The couple have been

YOU CAN HELP

Tisha Muentes was last seen wearing a light brown, furry coat that was big for her. She was wearing jeans and a beige scarf and gloves. She often wears her hair in a bun. If you see her call 773-410-6611 or 773-791-8473.

divorced 13 years. On nights where both parents work, Tisha would spend the night at her paternal grandparents' home, said Fabian Muentes. He said he got worried when she didn't call him after school Monday. Her parents filed a missing person report Monday evening and then began putting posters up and down Halsted Street from Belmont Avenue to Division Street.

Bottom's up: Goose Island keeps its home

They raised a glass in celebration at Goose Island Beer Co.'s pioneering North Side brew pub Tuesday night: The well-known spot isn't going to close at year's end.

John Hall, Goose Island's founder and chief executive, said he reached a last-minute deal with the pub's landlord to stay at 1800 N. Clybourn Ave. for three to five years, averting the closing of the home for Honker's Ale and other brews.

"I'm thrilled," said Hall, who bought everyone in the place a beer. "They called me last week and said we want to try to do a deal. We compromised in a week on something we couldn't do for a long time."

Hall said he couldn't talk for the other side, but he indicated the weak real estate market may have helped get the agreement done. In April, Hall had said the landlord, CRM Properties Group, had asked for a significant rent increase, reflecting the popularity of the trendy neighborhood.

Chris Siavelis, an executive at Deerfield-based CRM, couldn't be reached Tuesday night.

Goose Island, which also makes 312 and other brews, was founded as a brew pub in 1988 at the site.

The venture was a success, and Goose Island built a stand-alone brewery at 1800 W. Fulton St. in 1995.

Since then, the company has focused on retail beer sales, though it has continued to operate two brew pubs.

"We've been in the business for 20 years, and a lot of things have changed," Hall said. "We couldn't be more pleased about reaching an agreement."



Robert Burgin works on Wednesday in the barn where six of his bull Holstein calves were stolen Friday night in Maple Park, Ill. **ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE**

We got ourselves some cattle rustlers!

Robert Burgin could use some frontier justice—maybe a group of mustachioed cowboys on horseback packing six-shooters.

He's willing to try almost anything to chase down the cattle rustlers who apparently stole five black-and-white Holstein calves from his Kane County farm late Friday night.

Burgin, 45, discovered the theft after a sheriff's deputy arrived at his door to ask him about a calf wandering along the highway near his home.

He quickly realized it was his own and that the others were nowhere to be found. Inside the corn crib, he found their ropes had been cut. Tire tracks led to the edge of the gate.

"This doesn't happen in this day and age," Burgin said.

Cattle rustling still occurs out west, but is "quite unusual" in Illinois, said John

Hawkins, a spokesman for the Illinois Farm Bureau. Hawkins said it's been at least 10 years since he's heard of cattle being stolen.

Cattle rustling has "always been a crime of opportunity," Hawkins said, and it is made easier in Illinois because ranchers typically don't brand livestock. "It's kind of like stealing a bicycle," Hawkins said. "Unless you've got your brand on your cow it's hard to prove ownership."

Burgin said he didn't tag the calves because they were still young. The calves, which cost about \$1,000, would be worth \$2,500 to \$4,500 each as full-grown cows at a local farmer's market, he said. He said he would not press charges if the calves were returned.

"It's shocking," he said. "It's almost like going back to the middle of Wild, Wild West."

Death blamed partly on cold

The death of a South Side man found unresponsive in his home was in part related to cold weather, county officials said Tuesday. Michael Mosby, 46, of the 10000 block of South Wallace Street died Monday, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. An autopsy Tuesday showed his death was due to cold exposure, heart disease and chronic alcoholism. His death was ruled accidental.

Man dies after being pulled from lake

An unidentified man was pulled from Lake Michigan on the North Side on Tuesday and was pronounced dead a short time later. A jogger noticed the man in the water near Montrose Avenue around 1:10 p.m. and called 911, according to police. Police did not know how long the man, described only as in his 30s, had been in the frigid water. An autopsy was scheduled for Wednesday, a medical examiner's office spokesman said.

Man dies after West Side shooting

A 22-year-old man died after he was shot in the chest Monday evening in the 1400 block of South Kedvale Avenue in Lawndale, police said. Police found Alexander Batie, who lived in the 1300 block of South Karlov Avenue, unresponsive after responding to a call about shots fired, police said.

Woman charged in disappearance

A 44-year-old Chicago woman was charged Tuesday in connection with the Monday disappearance of a 3 1/2 year-old girl on the Northwest Side. Jeanette Roldan of the 3900 block of West Wellington Avenue was charged with aggravated kidnapping of a child under the age of 13, police said. Roldan is scheduled to appear in bond court Wednesday morning, authorities said.

Trump hosting Hudson family

Actress Jennifer Hudson and some of her relatives have been staying free of charge at the Trump International Hotel & Tower in Chicago since their family members were found slain. Real-estate mogul Donald Trump told People magazine at a benefit Monday night that they were being protected and were "very safe." "She's a great girl. And we're protecting them well," Trump said.

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Obama honors veterans

Associated Press

President-elect Obama honored fallen troops Tuesday by placing a wreath at a memorial and making a Veterans Day pledge to the many Americans who have served in the military.

“Let us rededicate ourselves to keep a sacred trust with all who have worn the uniform of the United States of America: that America will serve you as well as you have served your country,” Obama said in a statement.

“As your next commander in chief, I promise to work every single day to keep that sacred trust with all who have served.”

One week after winning the presidential election, Obama took a brief break from his primary tasks of planning his administration and monitoring the economic crisis to mark Veterans Day at the bronze soldiers memorial between the Field Museum and Soldier Field in Chicago.

The Illinois senator, who will inherit wars in Iraq and Afghanistan from President Bush, was accompanied by Tammy Duckworth, an Iraq war veteran who lost her legs in combat.

She later ran unsuccessfully for Congress and now is the Illinois governor’s veterans’ affairs director.

On a brisk autumn day, Obama moved a pre-positioned wreath a few feet closer to the front of the memorial that bore the phrase “dedicated to the defenders of our liberty.”

He and Duckworth bowed their heads briefly and then each saluted.

In his statement Obama praised “the extraordinary service and selfless sacrifice of our nation’s veterans” who have “defended the American people and stood up for American values.”



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President-elect Obama hugs Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs director Tammy Duckworth on Tuesday after laying a wreath at the Bronze Soldier Memorial near the Field Museum. **ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE**

BY THE NUMBERS
Confident in Obama

In one of the economy’s darkest hours in decades, it looks as if people are taking President-elect Obama up on his exhortations for hope and change. A majority surveyed in an Associated Press-GfK poll released Tuesday expressed confidence in Obama’s plans to revive the stalling economy. **AP**

72%
Believe Obama will make good on his promise to improve the economy

68%
said when Obama takes office, he will enact policies he campaigned for.

84%
said strengthening economy is priority one

90%
said Obama’s race would have no impact on his ability to get things done

80%
said creating jobs is most important

50%
said they want national health care coverage to be his No. 1 concern

Twitter poll



RedEye asked its Twitter followers what they want to see Obama do right away. For your say, go to **twitter.com/redeyechicago**.

rangelie
I’d like Obama 2 make the economy his #1 priority. Friend was just laid off; this issue resonates w/ everyone; not just a thing we see on TV.

technosexual
After my father, stroke victim, was terminated from insurance due to “over payment,” I want health care to be issue #1. Yes, over payment.

JulesKaras
simply improving the quality of life for Americans. I also wonder if simplifying the “system” would be nice.

vermaao
Obama should tear out Nixon’s bowling alley and replace it with a basketball court

shawnaatteberry
Obama’s #1 priority: closing Gitmo.

Ho-ho-no: Holiday jobs scarce across the country

Associated Press

NEW YORK The odds of landing a part-time job at department store operator Bealls Outlet Stores this holiday season are slimmer than getting into Harvard: It’s one out of every 45.

From department stores and convenience chains to call centers, managers who only a year ago had to scramble to fill holiday jobs are seeing a surge in the number of seasoned applicants—many of them laid off in other sectors and desperate for a way to pay the bills.

The flood of jobseekers comes even as the retail industry drastically cuts back on holiday hiring because of the drop-off in consumer spending.

“I thought it was going to be pretty easy, but I am not the only one looking for a job. There are thousands of us going for the same thing,” said Kimberly Caparo of Chesterfield, Mich., who has applied for part-time jobs at Toys “R” Us, Home Depot and Lowe’s in recent weeks since she and her husband were laid off by American Axle &

Manufacturing Holdings.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The U.S. retail industry shed 38,100 jobs in October, bringing the total since January to 297,000, according to Michael Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers. That’s about 25 percent of the overall 1.2 million jobs lost in the U.S. this year.

HOLIDAY HIRING: Seasonal hiring is expected

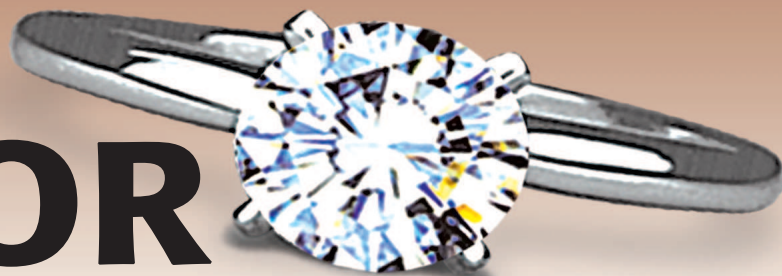
to be well below the levels of a year ago. A survey of 1,000 managers by **snagajob.com** found that on average, each plans to hire 3.7 seasonal employees—down from 5.6 last year.

POST-HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES: Even those who find holiday jobs folding sweaters or ringing up the cash register may not be able to rely on them after the holiday season, since more stores are expected to file for bankruptcy.

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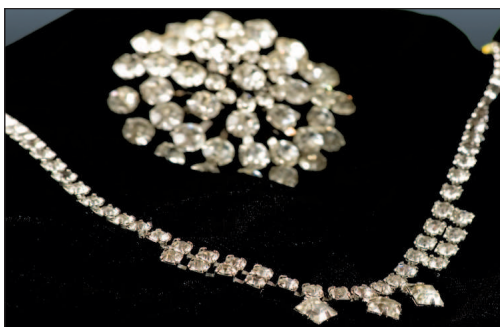
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Feds promise mortgage help

1 WASHINGTON The government and the mortgage industry are launching the most sweeping effort yet to help troubled homeowners by speeding up the process for renegotiating hundreds of thousands of delinquent loans held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The Federal Housing Finance Agency, which seized control of the two mortgage finance companies in September, announced the plan Tuesday.

“Foreclosures hurt families, their neighbors, whole communities and the overall

housing market,” said James Lockhart, the housing finance agency’s director. “We need to stop this downward spiral.”

The plan could have tremendous importance because Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac own or guarantee nearly 31 million U.S. mortgages, or nearly six of every 10 outstanding. Still, government officials did not have an estimate of how many people would qualify for the new program.

The new approach goes into effect Dec. 15. To qualify, borrowers would have to be at least three months behind on

their home loans, and would need to owe 90 percent or more than the home is currently worth. Investors who do not occupy their homes would be excluded, as would borrowers who have filed for bankruptcy.

Borrowers would get help in several ways: The interest rate would be reduced so borrowers would not pay more than 38 percent of their income on housing expenses. Another option is for loans to be extended from 30 years to 40 years, and for some of the principal amount to be deferred interest-free.



4 Deadly Pakistan hijacking

In Pakistan’s volatile northwest, which is bedeviled by Al Qaeda and Taliban fighters, a suicide bomber blew himself up Tuesday outside a stadium hosting athletes from around the country, killing at least two people. **AP PHOTO**

5 School ruins cleared

With the search for survivors over, crews began knocking down the ruins of a collapsed school Tuesday in Petionville, Haiti, to protect nearby homes. Removal of the debris also may reveal more bodies, officials said.

6 27 farmworkers kidnapped

Police hunted Tuesday for 27 farmworkers who were kidnapped in Culiacan, Mexico, by dozens of heavily armed men wearing military-style uniforms.

7 New Iran meeting

Senior diplomats from six world powers will meet Thursday in Paris to discuss imposing new sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program, a senior U.S. official said Tuesday.

Wintry mess

A layer of ice and nearly a foot of snow made some Nebraska highways treacherous Tuesday. The National Weather Service posted winter weather advisories covering sections of Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and northern Iowa.

8 8-year-old in court

An 8-year-old boy charged in the shooting deaths of his father and another man appeared in handcuffs at a court hearing in St. Johns, Ariz., drawing tears from some in the audience, and the judge slapped a gag order on the shocking case.



Touching the past

2 A visitor at the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall on Tuesday in Tallahassee, Fla., reaches out to touch the name of a family member who died in the Vietnam War. The wall was on display as part of Veterans Day commemorations. **AP PHOTO**

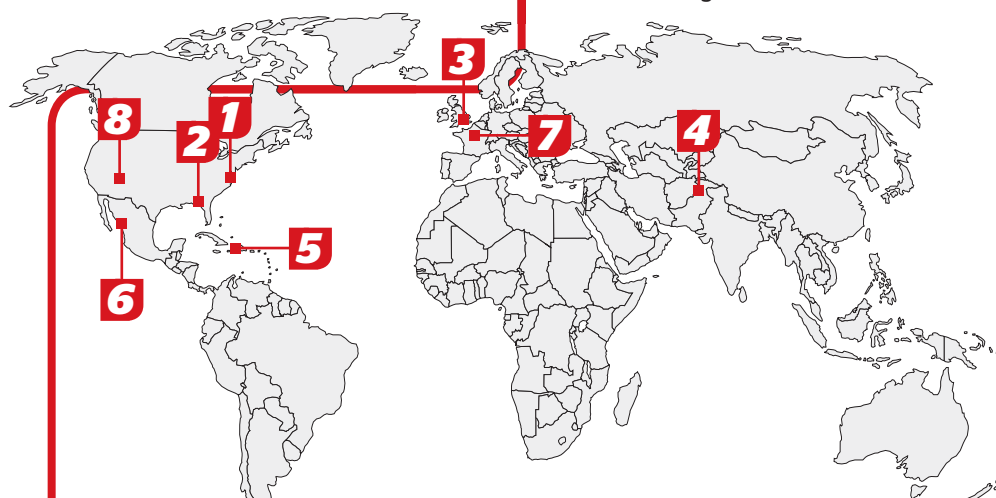
English get stuff for getting fit

3 LONDON The English city of Manchester has come up with a simple formula it hopes will help keep its citizens trim: eat right, get stuff. Exercise, get more stuff.

Manchester is hoping to fight fat with a reward system that works like a retail loyalty card. But instead of earning credit for opening their wallets, residents will be rewarded for keeping their feet on the treadmill and their fridge stocked with

healthy food.

Starting next fall, Manchester residents will be able to swipe their rewards cards and earn points every time they buy fruits and vegetables, use a community swimming pool, attend a medical screening or work out with a personal trainer. Points can be redeemed for athletic equipment, donations to school athletic departments and personal training sessions with local athletes.



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March to MADNESS

College basketball is back—is it too early to fill out a bracket?

The team to beat



The Tar Heels are coming off a Final Four appearance and school-record 36-win season. The Heels also return their top six scorers, including national player of the year Tyler Hansbrough.

The challengers



Connecticut

The Big East preseason favorite is led by senior guard A.J. Price (14.5 points per game, 5.8 assists per game) and center Hasheem Thabeet (10.5 ppg, 7.9 rebounds per game, 4.5 blocks per game).



Louisville

Junior guard Edgar Sosa (7.6 ppg, 1.6 rpg) is expected to lead the Cardinals to a deep tournament run.



UCLA

Even with the loss of Kevin Love and Russell Westbrook to the NBA, the Bruins are poised for a fourth straight Final Four.



Pittsburgh

Forward Sam Young (18.1 ppg, 6.3 rpg) is one of three players returning who scored in double digits last season.

MCT

Let the fun begin. Another college basketball season has arrived, and once again, die-hard fans should have plenty to follow. Big-time expectations are awaiting the game's traditional powers. And talented players such as Tyler Hansbrough and Blake Griffin are again expected to deliver on the biggest stages. Last season ended in dramatic fashion, as Kansas beat Memphis 75-68 in overtime for the national championship. Here's a look what to know for the 2008-2009 season, which began Monday. **L.A. TIMES CONTRIBUTED.**

Rock bottom

There was reason for optimism when Indiana hired former Marquette head coach Tom Crean on April 2. But so far, the program's been saddled with an NCAA infractions report surrounding former head coach Kelvin Sampson, had starters Armon Bassett and Jamarcus Ellis kicked off the team, and lost guard Eric Gordon (Clippers) and forward D.J. White (Pistons) to the NBA. "We are in a tumultuous state right now," Crean said during the Big Ten media days.



Harder, better, easier, longer?

New York Times News Service

ITHACA, N.Y. Cornell was scrimmaging, and someone flung a quick pass outside to junior forward Ryan Wittman, one of the best 3-point shooters in the country (46.5 percent last season). He caught the ball, flicked it and watched it swish through the net.

His feet were comfortably behind the new red line on the floor, the one that arcs in a

half-circle, 20 feet 9 inches from the basket—a foot farther than in the past.

Like everyone else in men's college basketball, Wittman is getting his bearings as the basketball court has been remapped. On the floor, the difference does not seem like much—less than a length of a typical basketball shoe. But such a subtle shift is enough to alter offensive and defensive strategies, even

recruiting.

In a more practical way, the new line could create confusion because the old line at 19-9 remains in place for women. The two lines must be different colors, but there is no standard from court to court.

For every assumption about what the new line's impact will be, there is a counter-assumption. Moving the line back could

stretch defenses, which is what the NCAA hoped when it changed the distance. Or it could congest the middle, as defenses sag and dare marginal 3-point shooters.

"I would not doubt that there will be games where it really clogs up the offense this year," Cornell coach Steve Donahue said.

It could reduce the number of 3-pointers attempted. Last season, teams shot an average of 19.1 3-pointers a game, the highest rate ever. Or it could increase the number of attempts, if shooters find themselves less guarded by defenders.



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The Fab Five

1 Tyler Hansbrough
(senior, North Carolina)
Hansbrough, out two weeks with a stress reaction in his right shin, averaged 22.6 points and 10.6 rebounds per game last season.

2 Stephen Curry
(junior, Davidson)
The 6-foot-2 Curry became a star in the NCAA tourney, averaging 25.9 points per game and leading his team to the regional finals.

3 Darren Collison
(senior, UCLA)
Averaged 14.5 points, 3.8

assists last season and is part of a talented backcourt with Josh Shipp.

4 Tyler Smith
(junior, Tennessee)
The preseason SEC Player of the Year led the Volunteers in assists (3.4), rebounds (6.7) and field-goal percentage (.536) and was third in scoring (13.6 ppg) last season.

5 Blake Griffin
(sophomore, Oklahoma)
Griffin made major news when he spurned the NBA to return to Norman, where he averaged 14.7 points and 9.1 rebounds per game.

Five and counting

It's been five seasons since Duke reached the Final Four, but the Blue Devils could snap that string. Coming off a 28-6 season, Duke is eighth in the preseason AP poll and returns four starters, including senior guard Greg Paulus (11.4 ppg, 2.1 rpg) and forward Kyle Singler (13.3 ppg, 5.8 rpg).

Thanks for stopping ... bye

Last year saw a mass exodus of one-and-done players: Kevin Love, Russell Westbrook, Michael Beasley, O.J. Mayo and Derrick Rose. Here are the freshmen you may want to catch before they take their games to a higher tax bracket: Samardo Samuels (center, Louisville), Jrue Holiday (guard, UCLA), B.J. Mullens (center, Ohio State), DeMar DeRozan (forward, USC).

All-name team

Olek Czyz (Duke), Dogus Balbay (Texas), Idong Ibok (Michigan State), Tweety Carter (Baylor), Scoop Jardine (Syracuse), Derwin Kitchen (Florida State), Orion Outerbridge (Rhode Island), Papa Dia (Southern Methodist), Chop Tang (Wisconsin-Green Bay), Takayo Siddle (Gardner-Webb), "Noopy" Crater (Ohio State), Triant Illiadis (Old Dominion; hometown Gwelp, Australia)



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The Whiz Quiz

Think you know your stuff? Test your sports smarts against RedEye's prognosticating pooch Whizzer. Legendary college basketball coach Lute Olson retired in September. Which of these colleges' teams did he not coach? Text **"lute"** and the number of your answer to **47383**. I'll text ya back to tell you if you got the answer right or wrong.

1. Iowa **2.** Long Beach State
3. Notre Dame **4.** Arizona

The world is your fantasy

On Election Night last week, millions of people cheered, danced and joined their family or friends in raucous celebration of Barack Obama's win. Yet, no one said a word when Dr. Fantasy's football team narrowly defeated Hoo But Hoops to stake fourth place in the Midwest Pimps Fantasy Football league.

There's a valuable lesson to be learned here. Your fantasy team might mean the world to you, but no one else outside your league cares. Your co-workers don't want to hear about it, the barista at Starbucks only minds if you tip him, and even your mom doesn't care. So please think before you bug the random stranger on the "L" about being upset at Reggie Bush for being injured. Please, follow the doctor's orders on this.

King Kurt

Like a Biblical hero who went from shepherd boy to king, Kurt Warner rose to the highest of NFL heights in 1999—a few years removed from being a grocery store bag boy. Now after years of being a backup to the likes of Matt Leinart, Warner is back to being an MVP candidate this season. Keep starting him and his WR corps (Larry Fitzgerald, Anquan Boldin and Steve Breaston).

Between a Rock & a Shaun place

The league's second-leading rusher Clinton Portis is still hobbled, and Coach Jim Zorn put his odds of facing Dallas at 50-50. Don't panic. Wait until Saturday or early Sunday and check out his status then. Don't rush to pick up his backups Rock Cartwright or Shaun Alexander either. Zorn would likely platoon them if Portis misses the game, and Cartwright runs like a rock and Shaun Alexander is old enough to be childhood friends with John McCain.

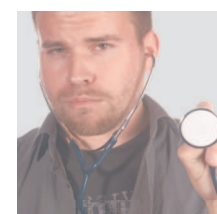
Rapid remedies

Brady Quinn, QB: The former Notre Dame teen heartthrob had a nice first game. He could be a borderline QB1 on your team.

Mark Bradley, WR: Leaving the Bears does magic things to wideouts. Bradley might be worth a look.

Kevin Boss, TE: This Giant might soon be the boss of you. Or at least your tight end spot.

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"That's what we tell our guys," said Duggar Baucom, coach at Virginia Military Institute, which shot—and made—more 3-pointers than any team in history two seasons ago, and led the nation in the categories last season too. "We're harder to guard now because there's more floor to cover."

The extra distance could lower the success rate, which reached 35.23 percent last year, highest since 1993. Or it could increase it, as borderline shooters from 19-9 shoot less from 20-9.

"I don't think the percentage will go down," said Ron Hunter, coach of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, which led the nation by making 42.3 percent of its 3-pointers last season. "The good shooters will still shoot, and the mediocre ones won't."

Counterintuitively, then, the line change may affect the way teams play defense more than offense.

"I think you'll see more zone defenses early," Donahue said. "Let's see who can make it."

Monstrous

See Jen Patterson on Comcast SportsNet's "Monsters in the Morning," debuting in January. Until then, catch her on "The Mike North Webio Show" on wildfirerestaurant.com.

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1 Tell us about your college alma mater's basketball team.

They were MIA. I went to Columbia.

They're called the Kansas Jayhawks. Ever heard of 'em?

The Gators. Last season's standings don't faze me, bro.

Mizzou used to be good because we cheated. Thanks, Quin Snyder.

Well, I, uh... I'm a cup, dude.

2 What is your early prediction for the college basketball title game?

I can tell you who won't be there: DePaul and Northwestern.

North Carolina vs. UCLA. Damn you, NBA and college graduation.

Title belongs to UF. We've done it two ways, now we'll do it three ways.

A drunken Billy Packer will barge in like Dennis Hopper's character in "Hoosiers."

They'll play "One Shining Moment" after it's over. Just a hunch.

3 Who's going to be the hot NCAA basketball player this year?

Tyler Hansbrough is pretty dreamy. Is that what you meant by "hot"?

A freshman who will be one and done. This story is getting old.

The whole UF team is hot, and I'm not just talking about their steals.

Per Section 12b of the NCAA code, Dr. Fantasy is not allowed to discuss college players.

No one from around here, that's for sure.

4 How do you congratulate the World Series of Poker champ?

Tillykke! Kan jeg fa dine chips?

Call.

Hold 'em and grab their aces.

Throw a parade in Philly and ... wait, we're talking cards? Tell them to play a real sport.

A simple note would be fine: "Can I borrow a couple hundred thousand?"

5 Cubs bidders have until Thanksgiving to make an offer. Help them.

Mark Cuban better start kissing up now.

Offer \$7 billion so no more of my colleagues will get laid off.

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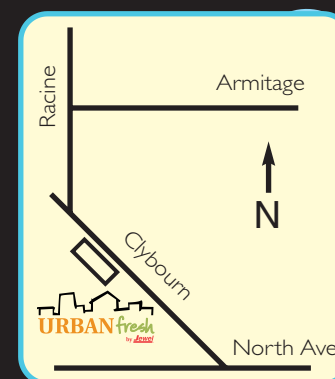
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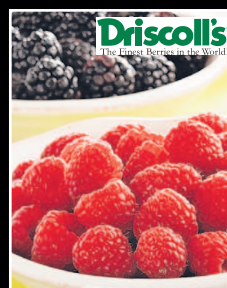
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my dog. Watch
him light up the
Trail Blazers. No,
I didn't say watch
the Trail Blazers
light up. They've
gotten over that.



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GREAT DANE

LAS VEGAS A 22-year-old college dropout from Denmark won the World Series of Poker and its \$9.15 million prize, then spent the night partying with friends at a suite reserved for this city's biggest gamblers.

Peter Eastgate became the tournament's youngest champ early Tuesday, making a wheel straight and eliminating his final opponent, 27-year-old semiprofessional card player Ivan Demidov. Demidov held two pair, twos and fours, when Eastgate called his all-in bet.

Eastgate hit poker's jackpot about 2½ years after he started playing no-limit Texas Hold'em with high school friends in Denmark. He said he tried college for a week, but got into poker and found out he was good enough to make a living as a pro. He started at the lowest stakes and worked up to build a sizable bankroll.

Eastgate now wants to take a long vacation with his family before examining his options, although a life of scholarship might not be one of them.

"I'm not necessarily going back to college, but I will look for more opportunities to become a more wise person," he told The Associated Press.

Eastgate had said he would have been happy with a top-five finish, but he thought he had a chance to win it all after eliminating a few players from the final table.

"My motivation was \$9 million and a bracelet," Eastgate said.

Demidov did not exactly leave a pauper. He took home more than \$5.8 million for second place.

"I'm disappointed, but I'm going to be happy. That's the way it turned out," he said.

HIT AND RUN



Lincecum
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MLB
Tim Lincecum
wins Cy Young

Tim Lincecum won the National League Cy Young Award by a comfortable margin Tuesday, taking home pitching's highest honor in his second major-league season. Brandon Webb of the Arizona Diamondbacks finished second.

COPS AND JOCKS
Former player bites officer

A former arenafootball2 player was evaluated by mental health professionals after police say he forced his way into a secured area at an airport and bit off the fingertip of an officer during a jail scuffle. Michael Rayfield Hodges, 25, who played for the Tri-Cities Fever, was being held in the Franklin County jail in Washington, where he met with a state psychologist Monday.

NASCAR
Bumped race no joke to France
NASCAR chairman Brian France is unhappy with ABC's decision to bump the final laps of last weekend's race in Phoenix to a cable station in favor of "America's Funniest Home Videos." France said Tuesday he thinks NASCAR and its fans got "the short end" when the race's last 34 laps were moved to ABC-owned ESPN2.

HOMETOWN HITS



**ATLANTA 113,
BULLS 108**

The Hawks stayed undefeated thanks in part to Al Horford's 27 points and 17 rebounds. Derrick Rose led the Bulls with 26 points and 10 rebounds.

» The NBA released its All-Star ballot on Tuesday, and it featured Ben Gordon and Derrick Rose among the guards and Luol Deng and Andres Nocioni among the forwards.



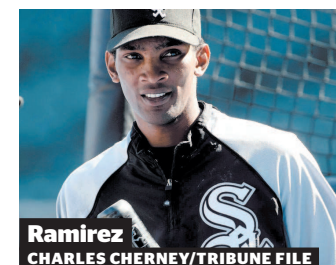
The Bears have terminated safety Terrence Holt's contract and

elevated rookie defensive end Ervin Baldwin from the practice squad. Holt signed with the Bears on Oct. 22 and was inactive for games against Detroit and Tennessee. He started all 16 games for Arizona last year after spending his first four seasons with the Lions.



After making a smooth transition from his native Cuba, Alexei Ramirez

sounded even more confident about his move from second base to shortstop for the White Sox in 2009. "I'd be extremely happy," Ramirez said Tuesday in a conference call with reporters from Miami. "It's my natural position. It's a position I've always felt the most comfortable in."



Ramirez
CHARLES CHERNEY/TRIBUNE FILE



Desai's Chicago favorites

Top 5 spots to eat

- » Dublin's Bar & Grill (1030 N. State St.). "It's a really great spot to meet people, and they have gourmet bar food ... and I met my boyfriend there."
- » Baba Palace (334 W. Chicago Ave.)
- » Salpicon (1252 N. Wells St.)
- » Frontera Grill (445 N. Clark St.)
- » Carnivale (702 W. Fulton St.)

Favorite bar

Mac's (1801 W. Division St.). "Because it's close to my house, I hang out there a lot. I think once you start going to a bar and you start knowing the people, it just becomes your favorite."

Perfect day off

"It would definitely be in late spring [or] early summer, going to Oak Street Beach with some friends, hanging out, and then going to Dublin's directly [after] and having drinks and food ... then walking by the lake. Oak Street Beach is my favorite place in Chicago."



**"Top Chef" contestant
Radhika Desai**
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Totally Rad

'Top Chef' contender talks about making the cut, on-camera nerves and kitchen disasters

By M. Kathleen Pratt

Season 3 of Bravo's "Top Chef" put up-and-coming Chicago chefs on the map, with local chef Dale Levitski cooking his way to a cool second-place finish. Season 4, set almost entirely in Chicago, brought it home with a win by hometown girl Stephanie Izard. Will the tradition continue? That rests entirely on the shoulders of Radhika "Rad" Desai, the only Chicago-

based contestant on Season 5, filmed in New York and premiering Wednesday.

Desai, 28, has been executive chef at Between Boutique Cafe and Lounge, an intimate late-night small plates spot in Wicker Park, since it opened in mid-2007. Though "Top Chef" is about to thrust her into reality TV stardom, you'll still find Desai in the kitchen there six nights a week, working her eclectic global style. On the side, she's assembling what she calls "kind of a biography-slash-cookbook ... a collection of recipes that make me think of different points in my life so far."

When we spoke to her by phone last week, she told us about finding out she made the cut for Season 5, her worst kitchen disaster and more.

Did you watch "Top Chef" before? Were you a fan?

Definitely a fan. I religiously watched it.

What was your favorite season?

I think Miami was my favorite season. The characters were just really fun, and I like how they cooked—their style of cooking. ... They had a good energy.

When did you decide to apply?

Last season, when I saw it was in Chicago, I was like, "Wow, I should have applied." I didn't know if I was ready then. ... I don't know if you're ever ready. But this time I saw that they were casting and I decided, what the heck, I'm going to go for it. And after a month or so I finally got the call.

How does that feel, to get that call?

I was actually walking to work, and I knew it was coming any day now, either yes or no. So I saw the California number and my heart was pounding. ... I was by myself in the middle of the street in Wicker Park just going crazy.

Who was the first person you told?

I called my mom first. I was like, "You can't tell anybody, but I have to tell you."

And how did she react?

She was at work ... she was like, gasping for air.

Once you were on the show, did anything surprise you?

Just being there is really surreal. It was really crazy ...

Were you nervous cooking in front of the cameras?

Oh, my gosh, yes. I don't even know if "nervous" is enough [to explain it]. I was very, very tense.

So did you do anything special to relax, to get in the zone?

If there was a glass of wine available, I might have drank that. [Laughs.] No, I don't know ... you know ... keep breathing and trying not to throw up.

One of the reasons people watch "Top Chef" is to see those behind-the-scenes meltdown moments that everyone has—even really talented people—but you usually don't get to see. Tell us about your biggest kitchen disaster.

Oh, gosh ... I was trying to light a pilot last year on the stove [at Between] and I was blowing on it ... blowing on it ... blowing on it ... and it finally lit—and it [singed] most of my hair and my face and on top of my head.

Was there a big fireball?

I don't remember. ... I was like, "Oh, my gosh, that was really hot!" And then I smelled my burnt hair.

If you weren't cooking in Chicago, where do you think life would have taken you? Would you still be working your first job out of college, as a park ranger?

I don't see myself anywhere else, but I guess I'd still be trekking around Death Valley, showing people the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere.

Follow-up review

Between Boutique Cafe and Lounge

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Try it yourself

Taste Desai's dishes while watching the season premiere.

What: Five-course tasting menu with wine pairings

When: 9 p.m. Wednesday

Cost: \$50. Reservations recommended.

Read more

"Top Chef: New York" really cooks. See Show Patrol, page 35



Lobster triffecta (\$23)

Desai says this dish is one of her favorites. But has she learned nothing from "Top Chef" about the perils of offering a mediocre duo—or worse, a "triffecta"—when one great dish will do? The curried lobster bisque was such a thick mess of cream spiked with an overpowering amount of cumin that even if everything else on the plate had been superb, it wouldn't have mattered. We can almost hear Tiffani, who lost Season 1 (San Francisco) because she tried to serve duos of everything in the finale, shouting from inside our TiVo: "Don't do it, Rad! Don't do it!"

Sweet heat shrimp (\$13)

This dish reminded us of bubbly Betty from Season 2 (L.A.). We really, really wanted to love her. But she could never quite get it together to convince us that she was the one. At least the bright, minty cucumber salad accompanying the shrimp let us know there's someone in the kitchen with knife skills that would make Hung from Season 3 (Miami) blush.



Barbecued pork loin satay (\$16)

Remember Brian Hill from Season 1? Yeah, neither do we. Save for a pomegranate dipping sauce that tasted strangely of Worcestershire (and little of pomegranate), this dish was utterly forgettable too.



What lies Between

A meal from Radhika Desai's Wicker Park kitchen reveals a gap between reality and reality TV

By M. Kathleen Pratt

One of the great ironies of Bravo's "Top Chef" is that it's all about food, and we never get to eat. We get attached to contestants because we like their attitudes, their passion, their faux-hawks—just never because we love something they cook.

This season, we had a chance to change all that. Chicago contestant Radhika "Rad" Desai is in the kitchen six nights a week as executive chef at Between Boutique Cafe and Lounge in Wicker Park—and as of last weekend, you could walk right in on a Saturday night without a reservation.

We sampled a handful of dishes from Desai's new seasonal menu to see for ourselves how her food might fare on "Top Chef." We almost wish we hadn't. Some things, it seems, are better left to TV.

Spicy mantou burgers (\$12)

Here, Desai channels Richard from Season 4 (Chicago), who inexplicably managed to work ras-al-hanout (a Moroccan spice blend) into two of the first three dishes we saw him cook. It's to good effect. We happily would have munched the Moroccan-seasoned frites that accompanied these little bao bun sliders all evening—especially since the sliders themselves were laced with so much paprika we could hardly finish them.



Mint & black pepper crusted lamb chops (\$16)

These micro-chops were the one dish we tried that might have won over Tom Colicchio, a man who prizes clean flavors and consistent execution. But anyone who's watched "Top Chef" knows the only thing Tom hates more than a whiner (ahem, we're talking to you, Lisa from Season 4) is a garnish that doesn't serve a function—and Desai has a habit of garnishing all of her dishes with flowers or flower petals. What, for the love of Padma, were flowers doing atop this manliest of manly dishes?



Grand Marnier French toast (\$9)

We felt a flash of hometown pride when we tasted this sticky sugar bomb. Desai, who started her career as an assistant pastry chef at River North's **Vermillion** (10 W. Hubbard St.), clearly has an edge in a category that's the undoing of many "Top Chef" contestants (witness Camille's pineapple upside-down-elimination cake of Season 3). Unfortunately, dessert challenges usually don't come around until a few episodes into the season, and by that time, we fear Padma will already have asked our only hometown hope to pack her knives and go.

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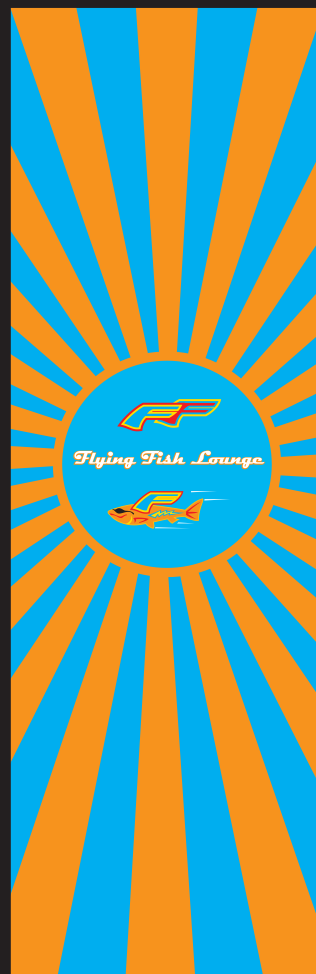
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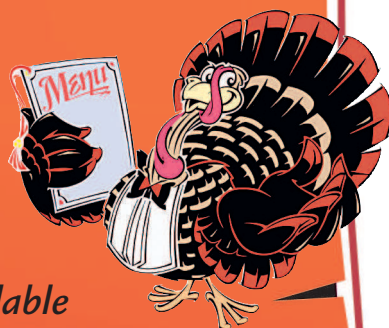
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3 p.m.: Three-course dinner featuring traditional entrees, family-style sides and seasonal desserts. On the menu: endive salad with pears, blue cheese and hazelnut vinaigrette; rotisserie turkey with sage gravy; slow-

roasted prime rib with truffled hollandaise; roasted yams with toasted pecans and marsala brown butter; sourdough, wild mushroom, apple and hazelnut stuffing; and more. \$42, \$19 for kids 12 and younger. Reservations recommended; 339 N. Dearborn St. 312-755-9463.

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3 p.m.: Four-course prix-fixe meal in lieu of regular fare. Selections include butternut squash soup; roasted Swan Creek Farm turkey with chestnut stuffing, garlic mashed potatoes and glazed quince; beef tenderloin with braised oxtail, caramelized shallot puree and red wine reduction; and pumpkin tarte with maple ice cream and Chablis sabayon. Special kids menu features a traditional holiday dinner plus choices such as



Turkey tonic

Traditional entrees, family-style sides and, of course, plenty of wine anchor Bin 36's three-course Thanksgiving dinner. **FILE FOR METROMIX**

chicken wings and a hamburger. \$65, \$22 for kids ages 6-12. Reservations recommended; 20 E. Chestnut St., Sofitel Chicago Water Tower. 312-324-4000.

COCO PAZZO CAFE

11:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving at Coco Pazzo Cafe. Four-course prix-fixe menu features roasted pumpkin soup,

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THE GREENHOUSE AT THE RITZ-CARLTON

10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. seatings: Buffet features gourmet fare

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11:30 a.m.: Buffet features brunch dishes before 2 p.m. with other dishes added in the evening. Seafood, salad and charcuterie are served throughout the day. \$125, \$35 for kids 5-12. Reservations required; 800 N. Michigan Ave. Park Hyatt Hotel, 7th floor. 312-335-1234.

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10:30 a.m.: The Lobby and Avenues feature a buffet of traditional and gourmet dishes. Selections include roasted heirloom turkey with giblet gravy and chestnut-sage dressing; rosemary-roasted strip loin of beef; braised beef brisket with grits; duck breast with maple-glazed turnips; pumpkin creme brulee; and orange ricotta spice cake. Kids get chicken fingers, mac and cheese, mini-burgers and more. A lounge offers games,

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SHOR

Noon: Multi-course meal served in lieu of the regular fare. Includes salad and dessert bars, plus choice of entree with sides. Selections include roasted turkey with stuffing and cranberry relish; glazed ham with corn pudding; and seared pork loin with braised cabbage and applesauce. \$29.50, \$15 for kids. Reservations recommended; 2233 S. King Drive Hyatt Regency McCormick Place. 312-528-4140.

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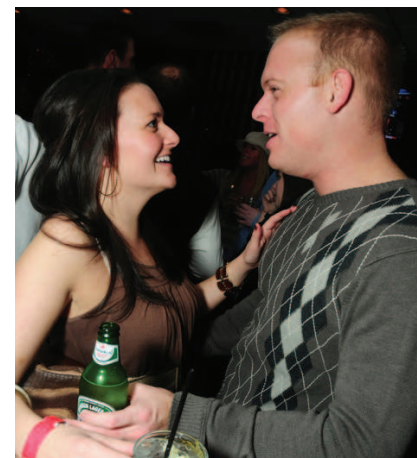
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Random Acts of Greatness

5 things we're loving this week

» Piece's Sunday **\$25 large pie-and-a-growler-of-beer deal** (available for carryout only; 1927 W. North Ave. 773-772-4422). It's just the thing for those cold, lazy November nights when you just don't feel like dining out.

» A delicious spin on the classic apple pie: **apple cake with cinnamon ice cream** (\$8) at Sepia (123 N. Jefferson St. 312-441-1920).

» It sure looks like a tow zone, but the **sneaky parking spot** right in front of West Loop Creole spot Yats (955 W. Randolph St. 312-829-7930) is fair play—and rarely occupied, according to Yats management.

» The devastating documentary, "**Dear Zachary: A Letter to a Son About His Father**," playing at Gene Siskel Film Center (164 State St. 312-846-2800). It's a remarkable story ... just plan to be very, very upset afterwards.



» Two days after Chicago Tribune restaurant critic Phil Vettel gave a glowing review to Viet Bistro (1346 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-5720), the Edgewater restaurant's kitchen ran out of several menu options. **Catfish in a clay pot** (\$18) was still available, however, and we loved it.

Join the randomness!

What are you loving this week? Log onto metromix.com to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness. You might just spot your pick in a future issue.

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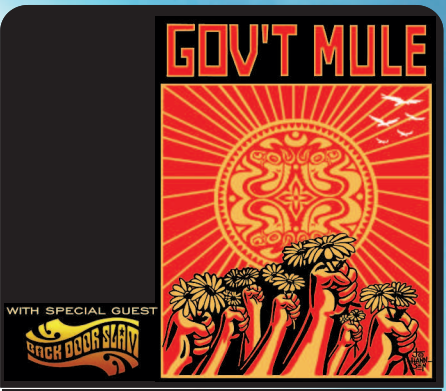
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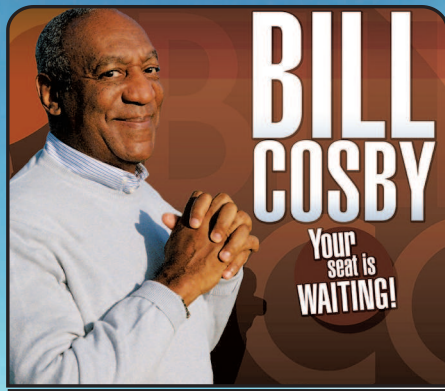
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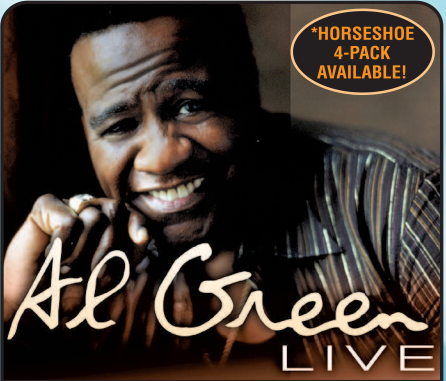
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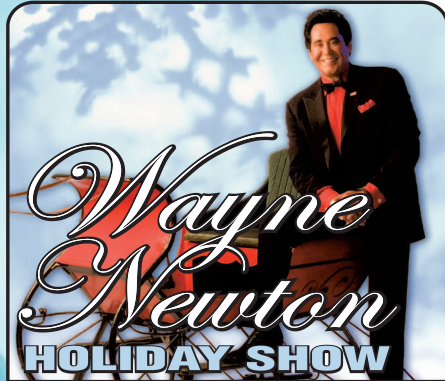
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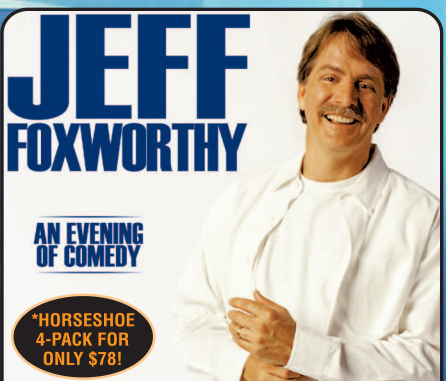


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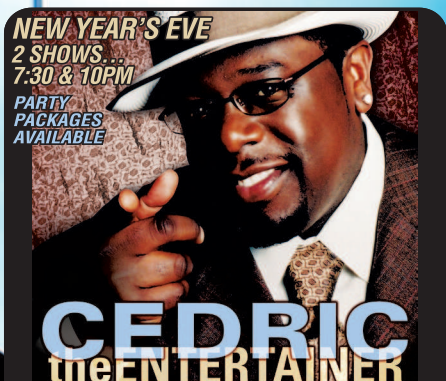
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Monkey attack!

Relax. Wilco's Glenn Kotche is just exploring the drums, not unleashing crazed animals

By Matt Pais

Drumming is all about multi-tasking, and multi-tasking may as well be Wilco drummer Glenn Kotche's middle name.

Besides playing with Wilco, the Albany Park resident also logs time as a solo artist (he released his last record of compositions for percussion, "Mobile," in 2006), a studio musician, a member of On Fillmore and Bang on a Can All-Stars, a collaborator with the Kronos Quartet, a contributor to Modern Drummer magazine, and lots more. For his show Tuesday at the Harris Theater, Kotche will perform solo works from "Mobile"—including his narrative piece "Monkey Chant"—and team up with local classical outfit eighth blackbird for a wide variety of instrumental works, including the debut of Kotche's new piece "Double Fantasy."

By phone from New York, Kotche, 37, spoke to us the morning before Wilco's performance on "The Colbert Report."

"I'm hoping just [singer Jeff Tweedy will] do the interview," Kotche said. "I don't want to go up against Stephen." We promised to go easy on him.

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Glenn Kotche's Chicago personality test

Best veggie burger: Kuma's Corner (2900 W. Belmont Ave.)

Best pizza: Marie's (4127 W. Lawrence Ave.)

Favorite bar: Hideout (1354 W. Wabansia Ave.)

Fave Chicago celebrity: Mavis Staples

Cubs or Sox: Both. "[When both teams win] it makes [everyone] in Chicago a little more lighthearted."

Top date spot: Sabatino's (4441 W. Irving Park Rd.)

Speaking of "Monkey Chant," how difficult would it be to teach monkeys to chant?

[Laughs] You're asking the wrong guy. My niece is a zoologist; I can e-mail her and get back to you.

If she says it's easy, perhaps you could get some to join in Tuesday night.

Yeah, it's more of a metaphorical take on that. [Laughs] It's not so much about the actual monkeys. And the monkeys in the story are actually a monkey army of warriors. So you'd have to do a lot more than teach them to chant, right? You'd have to teach 'em to handle weapons and take orders.

Would you worry they'd attack the audience after the performance?

I'd worry that they'd attack me if they were on stage. They might not like my take on the story.

When you perform solo, do you do any improvisation, or are the pieces rehearsed down to every note?

Just by the nature of performances, it can never be fully rehearsed. Any improv that happens in these performances is structured improvising. There's room for changes, there's room for doing something for 10 seconds or for 2 minutes. What I do within that time can change within certain parameters. I do free improvise in shows separately, but that's different. With these shows, I'm trying to not just make it a drum solo. I'm trying to make it solo percussion. And actually play music.

But some people say, "That's not what people are looking for in a drum solo." How much do you think people expect solo percussion to turn into a crazy, Alex Van Halen-style thing?

I don't think anyone goes to a solo drum performance hoping to see a drum solo for 45 minutes or an hour and 15 minutes. Besides other drummers. And if that's the case, they can go to a drum clinic.

There are plenty of drummers throughout history that can get on stage and show their technical brilliance on the drumset. That's what a drum solo means to me: going up and flexing your chops and showing what you can do, technically. And it's not so much about making a musical statement or playing a piece of music. ... The drumset as a solo musical instrument that's capable of playing tunes and songs and pieces of music that appeal to a broader range of music lovers—I don't think that's been explored enough.

What inspired you to write a piano arrangement of Common's "On the Corner," and what are the chances you'll be on stage rapping along with the pianist?

OK ... second part of the question, no chance. [Laughs] I'm a drummer not a rapper, and I don't think anyone wants to see me rap. Most of all me.

How would it work to do it the other way around? To have a rapper turn one of your instrumentals into a rap?

[Laughs] Umm, gosh. I don't know. There are very few songs I can imagine that being possible to do to. Just because there's a lot of stuff going on. But there's some tunes on my record that are all rhythmic based, so I don't know. I don't think any rapper you'd find would be interested in doing that.

Famous last words.

Yeah, well, maybe. I certainly wouldn't be opposed to hearing it.

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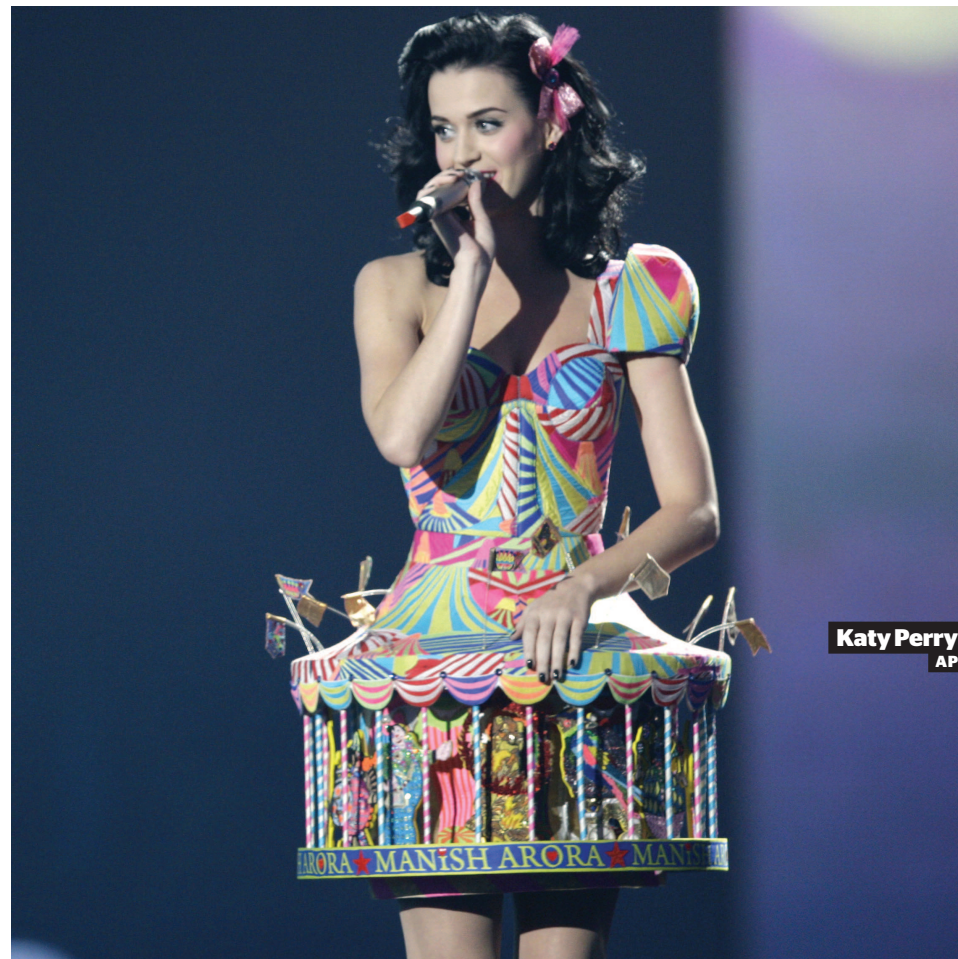
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What does a normal case of chapped lips look like? Usually the lips are red and they're flaking or scaly. Sometimes there's cracking. Patients describe pain, especially when consuming foods with a lot of acid such as tomatoes or orange juice. Here are the recommended treatments:

Aquaphor and Vaseline

Dr. Marcia Driscoll, a clinical associate professor of dermatology at the University of Maryland, recommends Aquaphor, an over-the-counter treatment. The gooey ointment, without fragrance or irritating additives, comes in a tube. She also endorses Vaseline, or any simple petroleum jelly.



Dr. Dan's Cortibalm

Dr. Dan's is a lip balm in a tube designed by a dermatologist. It contains 1 percent hydrocortisone, an active ingredient to help healing that's not found in Aquaphor or Vaseline. The brand isn't easily available, but it can be ordered at drdanslipbalm.com.

Sunscreen

Doctors and the Mayo Clinic recommend people apply lip balm with sunscreen before going outdoors. The sun's rays are as damaging in the winter as they are in the summer.

Hydrate

Drink plenty of fluids and consider using a humidifier.

Avoid

Driscoll advises people steer clear of balms with phenol, lanolin, paraben and anything with a fragrance or a "botanical." "People can have allergies to plant ingredients." Phenol, which is found in some balms, gives a soothing effect at first, but it also is an irritant that promotes peeling of the skin, she says.

Seek treatment

If chapping is severe and doesn't respond to treatment, Driscoll and other doctors advise seeing a dermatologist. **THE BALTIMORE SUN**

Dropping the balm

Some people can't lick an addiction to lip balms

The Baltimore Sun

He thought about it all the time. He had to have it. If he went too long without it, his need for a fix consumed him.

Kevin Crossman was a lip balm addict. A sweaty, obsessed, quivering addict. So much so that he founded Lip Balm Anonymous.

Now he's clean.

"It's been about 13 years, six months and two days," Crossman said. "I went cold turkey."

Crossman is just one of millions who are quite attached to their lip balm. According to ACNielsen Co., sales of lip balms grew last year to more than \$378 million.

Dr. Marcia Driscoll, a clinical associate professor of dermatology at the University of Maryland, says lip balm addiction is real, if not a bit surprising. She recently asked some residents on her staff about it, and three of them pulled lip products out of their pockets. She said to herself, "This might be more common than I believe."

Indeed. On Facebook, 192 groups are dedi-

cated to lip balm, many of them addiction-oriented. Balm companies, well aware of people's predilections, have started packaging the tubes in packs of two or three to capitalize on what's often an impulse purchase, the Drug Store News reports.

Crossman, who's a Web site manager in San Francisco, said his addiction started with cherry-flavored ChapStick.

"It wasn't very cool to have pinkish lips, but I couldn't help it," he said, adding that before he quit, he was using dozens of times a day and that his lips felt naked without it.

Lip Balm Anonymous hit a nerve. People from all over the world have visited the Web site, and although Crossman hasn't been actively updating it for years, people are still tracking him down to talk about it.

Even so, Driscoll doesn't think there needs to be so much drama associated with chapped lips, which is an issue she deals with a lot as a dermatologist. She estimates about 80 percent of her cases are women.

Unfortunately for balm addicts, causes for the chapping of lips come from all corners.

Wind, sun, cold and dry air can wreak havoc with the lips. It's a problem that can strike any

ADDICTED TO BALM

On Facebook, there are 192 groups dedicated to lip balm, many of them addiction-oriented. They include:

- » "I Think I Might Die Without Lipgloss, ChapStick or Some Form of Lip Balm"
- » "Lip Balm Appreciation Guild"
- » "I forgot my lip balm, my life is over!"
- » "I Think I'm Addicted to Lip Balm"
- » "Addicted to lip balm like CRACK."

time of year, but particularly during the colder months when the air is chilly and dry.

According to the Mayo Clinic, breathing with an open mouth is a trigger, as is dehydration.

Driscoll blames cosmetics above all else for the large number of women who suffer chapped lips. Lipsticks, glosses, moisturizers and even seemingly medicinal balms contain numerous ingredients with the potential to irritate, she said.

Driscoll also points the finger at lip licking. "You get a little dryness, you start licking and you could end up with dermatitis of the lip," she warned, "which can spread all around the mouth."

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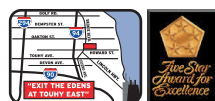
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Contestant Melissa (from left), Padma Lakshmi, Tom Colicchio and Hosea, another contestant, on Bravo's "Top Chef." **BRAVO**

'Top Chef' really cooks in 5th season

"Top Chef" isn't resting on its well-deserved reputation for being one of TV's best reality competition shows.

The Bravo hit's "Top Chef: New York" edition, debuting at 9 p.m. Wednesday, adds just enough inventive new flavors to keep it tasty.

"Shooting in New York lent itself to a lot of just amazing things that New York has to offer. You know, a lot of different ethnic cuisines," judge Tom Colicchio said during a call with journalists Friday. "That sort of worked itself into the challenges at a lot of different locations."

He's right—and it lends a lot of excitement to the opener. The culinary melting pot begins immediately, when the cheftestants meet on the New York Harbor ferry going to Governor's Island, where they compete in the first quick-fire challenge (more on that in a minute). Later in the episode, they visit neighborhood markets all over the city to complete the elimination challenge in which they go head-to-head against one another to make various ethnic dishes.

"I was so excited for it to be in New York. I really was," host and judge Padma Lakshmi, who lives in New York, said during the call. "I'm very proud of this show for ... really looking at the city."

The cheftestants come from wide-ranging backgrounds.

Stefan, an obvious standout, was born in Finland, trained in Switzerland and Germany and now works in the U.S. He's going to be the guy people love to hate, because he's good—and he knows it. He immediately bonds with an Italian, Fabio, who is chef-owner of Cafe Firenze in California. Chicago's Radhika Desai (see pages 18-19), executive chef at Between Boutique Cafe & Lounge, adds to the mix with her Indian background.

Speaking of Desai, let's talk more about that quick-fire challenge.

Being in the Big Apple isn't the only delightful twist in the show, now in its fifth season.

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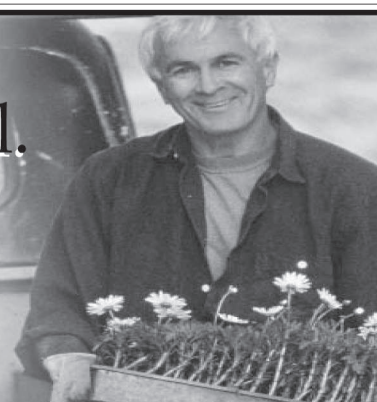
"I loved that quick-fire," Lakshmi said. "It was a long day. It was a hot day, but it was so much fun to watch these guys go at it. You know, it's a relay race. It was great." It looks like fans can expect the same from "Top Chef: New York."

Top Chef: New York



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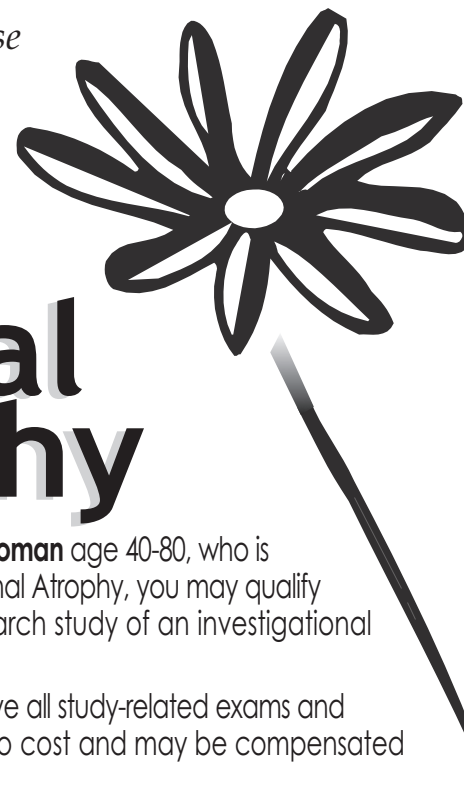
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Mullet Passions is just the extreme end of the blossoming world of niche online dating sites.

Unlike general sites such as **match.com** that cast as wide a net as possible, these forums are self-selecting, based on interests, ethnicities or dating preferences.

"We've seen a major growth in the niche market of online dating," said Joe Tracy, publisher of Online Dating Magazine. "The reason we believe we're seeing that is that when

a company wants to break into the online dating market and get a piece of the pie, they have no ability to compete with **match.com** and eHarmony. ... They're seeing more success by targeting a specific passion."

Mullet Passions, in fact, is just one of more than 100 niche sites run by Passions Network, an umbrella company with online social networks for yoga lovers, atheists, truckers and vegans.

The most popular of the lot? **Largepassions.com**, for full-figured daters and their admirers. **Nativeamericanpassions.com** is close behind. Passions Network has 800,000 registered users, most of whom pick several sites to post profiles.

According to company founder Michael Carter, "The underlying concept of the whole network is, it should be easier to break the ice if you already have something in common."

A DATE (SITE) FOR EVERYONE

Here are some niche dating sites. We're guessing you can figure out the clientele.

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This sequel has Ron Perlman's red, brawny Hellboy, along with co-stars Selma Blair and Doug Jones, taking on a human-hating elf aiming to unleash a mythical mechanical army on the world. Single- and three-disc DVD releases along with a two-disc Blu-ray set come with deleted scenes, a segment on creating the "Troll Market," and two separate commentaries featuring director Guillermo del Toro, Blair and other cast members. The Blu-ray set and three-disc DVD release also have a huge range of background material on the film's visual marvels.

Kung Fu Panda

Single DVD, \$29.99; two-disc DVD set, \$34.98; Blu-ray, \$39.99

The animated action comedy features the voices of Angelina Jolie, Seth Rogen, Jackie Chan, Lucy Liu and Dustin Hoffman among the gang of martial-arts fighters taking on an evil foe with help from a klutzy panda (Jack Black). Extras on the DVD and Blu-ray releases include commentary, cast interviews and instructional activities for kids. The two-disc set has a companion volume, "Secrets of the Furious Five," in which our panda hero teaches a class of kung fu students.

Star Wars: The Clone Wars *Single-disc DVD, \$28.98; two-disc DVD set, \$34.99; Blu-ray, \$35.99*

As a prelude to the animated TV series that just debuted, the George Lucas "Star Wars" machine unleashes this big-screen cartoon chronicling a new adventure set in the time between episodes two and three of the live-action prequels. Several extras are included. **DAVID GERMAIN, AP**

'Slumdog Millionaire' is a fairy tale, and a keeper



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Slumdog Millionaire



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Jamal (Dev Patel) is one question away from winning 20 million rupees on the Indian version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" But the cops suspect him of cheating. The film jumps back and forth between Jamal's interrogation and an array of memories—drawn from a dangerous, unschooled life on the run with his brother Salim and an unending search to reunite with his love, Latika (Freida Pinto)—that may indicate how he knew the answers.

The verdict: The year's best crowd-pleaser,

"Slumdog Millionaire" has the tear-jerking heft of a classic feel-good story—yep, I was a little choked up—as well as the zip and terror of a terrific rags-to-riches journey. Though the premise of Jamal's personal connection to every question is sometimes too much of a stretch—this feels a little like "Forrest Gump" meets "Quiz Show"—director Danny Boyle's in complete control of the material and his largely inexperienced young actors.

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Dev Patel (left) and Anil Kapoor in "Slumdog Millionaire."
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- **Role Models** (R) 2:45,5:40,8:15,10:45
- **AMC Select Changeling** (R) 4:00,7:15,10:20
- **Zack and Miri** (R) 1:00,3:30,6:00,8:30,11:00
- **Haunting-Molly** (PG-13) 2:30,10:00
- **Saw V** (R) 9:45 P.M.
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:50,4:40,7:30,10:10
- **AMC Select Burn After Rd.** (R) 1:30 P.M.

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- **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) 1:45,4:35,7:25,10:20
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- **Noah's Arc** (R) 2:20,4:30,7:00,10:00
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- **Soul Men** (R) ★ 1:30,2:30,4:20,5:20,7:00,8:00,9:50,10:50
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- **Max Payne** (PG-13) 2:10,5:10,8:10,10:45
- **Quarantine** (R) 12:30,3:20,6:10,9:10
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- **W.** (PG-13) 4:45,7:15,9:45
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 5:40,10:00
- **Religulous** (R) 7:40 P.M.
- **Quantum-Sol.** (PG-13)

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- **Role Models** (R) 12:05,2:10,4:30,7:00,9:20
- **Zack and Miri** (R) 12:50,3:00,5:10,7:25,9:55
- **Haunting-Molly** (PG-13) 1:05,3:15,5:30,7:45,9:50
- **Pride and Glory** (R) 1:00,6:10
- **Saw V** (R) 12:05,1:10,3:20,4:25,5:35,7:50,9:10,10:10
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:50,4:30,7:15,9:50
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) 2:05,6:45
- **AMC Select Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 1:40,4:20,7:05,9:40
- **Quarantine** (R) 9:45 P.M.
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 12:15,2:15,4:45,7:20
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- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 2:10,4:10,6:10,8:10
- **Journey-Center** (PG) 2:00,5:20,8:40
- **Igor** (PG) 3:40,7:00

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- **Lola Montes** (NR) 5:10,7:30,9:45
- **Ballast** (NR) 5:20,7:20
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- **AMC Select House** (R) 2:50,4:55,7:00
- **AMC Select RocknRolla** (R) 7:45 P.M.
- **I've Loved You** (PG-13) 3:30,6:30
- **AMC Select W.** (PG-13) 1:35,4:25,7:15
- **AMC Select Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 1:00,3:15,5:30

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- **Striped Pajamas** (PG-13) 1:00,2:00,3:25,4:45,5:45,7:30,8:30,10:20
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 2:15,3:30,5:00,6:15,9:00
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 1:30,4:15,7:00,9:45
- **Soul Men** (R) 1:15,2:10,4:05,5:05,7:00,8:00,9:45,10:45
- **Role Models** (R) 2:15,3:15,5:00,6:00,7:50,8:50,10:40
- **AMC Select RocknRolla** (R) 1:40,4:40,7:35,10:40
- **AMC Select Changeling** (R) 2:05,4:05,7:15,8:15,10:30
- **Zack and Miri** (R) 2:00,4:40,6:00,8:30,10:25
- **Pride and Glory** (R) 1:10,7:10
- **Saw V** (R) 1:10,3:25,6:05,8:35
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:00,4:00,7:05,10:00
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) 5:30 P.M.
- **AMC Select Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 1:05,3:40,6:15,8:50
- **AMC Select W.** (PG-13) 1:05,4:00,7:15,10:35
- **Body of Lies** (R) 4:10,10:10
- **Quarantine** (R) 10:30 P.M.
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 1:00 P.M.
- **AMC Select Religulous** (R) 3:15 P.M.
- **Nick and Norah** (PG-13) 2:40 P.M.
- **AMC Select Rachel Getting** (R) 1:50,4:35,7:20,10:05
- **Eagle Eye** (PG-13) 4:55,7:50,10:40

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- **Madagascar 2** (PG) ★ 12:20,12:50,1:40,2:10,2:40,3:10,4:00,4:30,5:00,5:30,6:20,6:50,7:20,7:50,8:40,9:10,9:40,10:10
- **Role Models** (R) ★ 1:20,4:10,7:00,9:50
- **Soul Men** (R) ★ 1:50,4:40,7:30,10:00
- **RocknRolla** (R) ★ 12:40,6:05
- **Haunting-Molly** (PG-13) ★ 2:00,4:45,7:15,9:30

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WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

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- **Changeling** (R) ★ 12:00,1:45,3:15,5:10,6:40,8:20,9:55
- **Zack and Miri** (R) ★ 12:30,2:30,3:00,5:15,6:15,7:45,9:00,10:20
- **Pride and Glory** (R) 12:10,3:20,6:10,9:45
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 2:15,4:50,7:40,10:15
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- **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 3:30,8:50
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) 10:30
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 2:20,5:20,8:00
- **Rachel Getting** (R) 1:10,4:20,7:10,9:50

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- **Madagascar 2** (PG) ★ 12:20,1:30,2:40,4:00,5:00,6:30,7:20,9:00,9:40
- **Role Models** (R) ★ 2:15,5:20,7:50,10:20
- **Changeling** (R) ★ 12:30,2:50,3:40,6:10,7:00,9:20,10:15
- **Zack and Miri** (R) ★ 2:30,5:10,7:40,10:10
- **Pride and Glory** (R) 4:10,10:00
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- **Body of Lies** (R) 1:50,4:40,7:30,10:30
- **Nick and Norah** (PG-13) 2:00,4:30,6:50,9:30
- **Burn After Rd.** (R) 1:00,7:15

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- **Soul Men** (R) 12:45,1:40,3:30,4:20,6:20,7:00,9:00,9:45
- **House** (R) 2:20,4:50,7:30,10:00
- **Haunting-Molly** (PG-13) 1:20,3:40,6:45,9:30
- **Zack and Miri** (R) 2:30,5:10,7:40,10:30
- **Pride and Glory** (R) 1:00,4:00,7:15,10:15
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- **Max Payne** (PG-13) 2:15,5:20,8:00,10:40
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 1:50,4:10,6:40,9:15

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- **Role Models** (R) ★ 1:50,4:45,7:30,10:20
- **Soul Men** (R) ★ 12:40,1:30,3:40,4:10,6:40,7:10,9:20,10:00
- **House** (R) ★ 2:00,4:40,7:00,9:45
- **Haunting-Molly** (PG-13) ★ 1:20,4:20,6:45,9:30
- **Zack and Miri** (R) ★ 2:15,4:50,7:15,9:50
- **Pride and Glory** (R) 10:15
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:10,3:50,6:30,9:15
- **Saw V** (R) 2:30,5:15,7:45,10:30
- **Max Payne** (PG-13) 1:00,6:10
- **Quarantine** (R) 3:30,9:00
- **BH Chihuahua** (PG) 2:20,5:10,7:40

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- **HS Musical 3** (G) 1:10,3:50,6:40,9:55
- **Madagascar 2** (PG) 11:00,1:05,3:10,5:15,7:20,9:25
- **Rachel Getting** (R) 11:45,2:10,4:40,7:10,9:40
- **Secret of Bees** (PG-13) 12:10,2:35,5:00,7:25,9:50
- **W.** (PG-13) 4:10,6:50,9:35
- **Zack and Miri** (R) 12:25,2:40,4:55,7:20,9:40

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- **Happy-Go-Lucky** (R) ★ 12:55,4:20,7:10,10:00
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- **Role Models** (R) ★ 11:35,12:45,2:05,3:15,4:35,5:45,7:00,8:15,9:30,10:40
- **Slumdog Millionaire** (R) ★ 11:35,1:10,2:30,4:05,5:25,7:00,8:20,9:55
- **Soul Men** (R) ★ 11:55,2:30,5:05,7:25,9:55
- **Synecdoche** (R) ★ 12:45,4:05,7:00,9:50
- **Changeling** (R) ★ 12:20,3:30,6:40,9:55
- **HS Musical 3** (G) 11:40,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:25
- **Rachel Getting** (R) 11:45,2:25,5:15,7:55,10:35
- **RocknRolla** (R) ★ 12:30,4:45,7:30,10:20
- **Saw V** (R) 12:40,3:05,5:25,8:05,10:30
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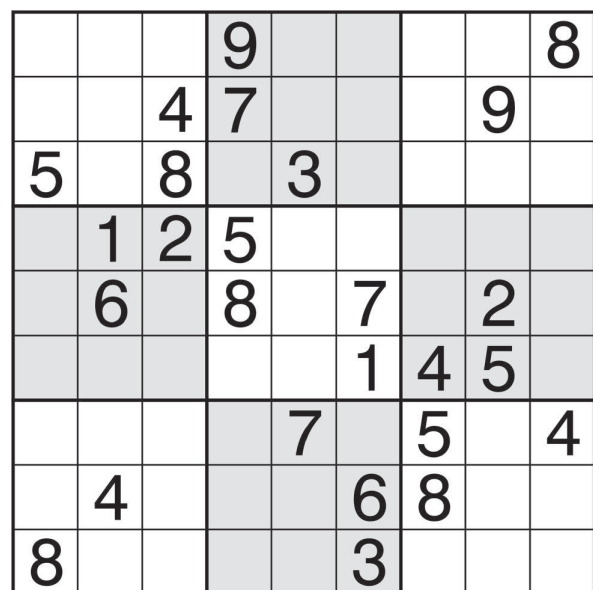
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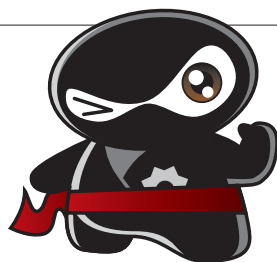
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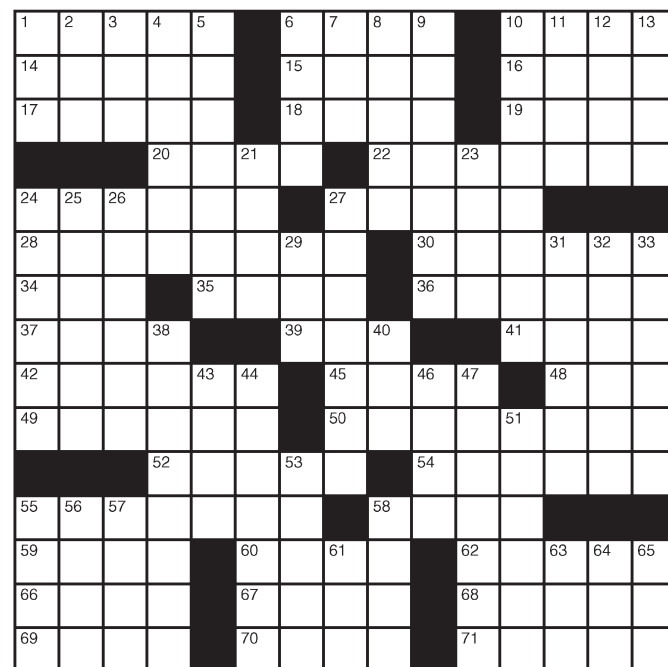
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- 15 Humdinger
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- 17 Paris subway
- 18 Part of U.A.E.
- 19 Bath's river
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- 22 Old weapons
- 24 Select for duty
- 27 Eagle's nest
- 28 Gets back together
- 30 "Sunday, __ Sunday"
- 34 Make a blunder
- 35 Scottish loch
- 36 Evening party
- 37 W. mil. alliance
- 39 Shakespearean contraction
- 41 Succotash bean
- 42 Geronimo's tribe
- 45 Heavy imbibers
- 48 Singer's engagement
- 49 Church bellringer
- 50 Hare's rival
- 52 Actors Robert and son Alan
- 54 Breadwinner
- 55 Hybrid fruit
- 58 Old VHS rival
- 59 "Typee" sequel
- 60 Therefore
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- 66 Signage light
- 67 Knock for a loop
- 68 Rambunctious
- 69 Motels' predecessors
- 70 Rational
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So over 'The Hills'

L.C. and the gang setting sights on other projects

If "The Hills" were in high school—or college—it'd be just about to graduate right now.

The MTV reality show is closing out its fourth season next month, but star Lauren Conrad isn't ready to start thinking about a 10-year reunion or anything like that.

"I hope not!" she tells USA Today. "I really hope not."

See, Conrad and the gang have moved on to bigger and, if not better, at least non-"Hills"-related projects.

As USA Today reports, Whitney Port is getting her own MTV spinoff, which will chronicle her new life in New York City. Audrina Patridge, who, like, totally caused a ruckus on the show when she moved out of the pool house near Conrad and roomie Lo Bosworth, has a role in a horror film. And Heidi Montag? She and boyfriend Spencer Pratt single-handedly seem to be powering the gossip business.

With everything going on with Conrad and Co. these days—and, honestly, because we haven't had a "Hills" update in a while—RedEye decided to take a look at the journey some of the cast members have taken.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE

Need more for your "Hills" fix? Get all the latest gossip from RedEye "Hills" expert Leonor Vivanco at redeyechicago.com/hills.



LAUREN CONRAD

FROM: MTV darling on the high-school themed "Laguna Beach" ...
TO: MTV darling on the twentysomething focused "The Hills" ...
TO: Aspiring fashion designer with an actual clothing line ...
TO: Post-MTV media personality who's keeping a tight lid on her relationship with "My Boys" actor Kyle Howard.



AUDRINA PATRIDGE

FROM: One-time nude photo subject ...
TO: Late edition to the "Hills" roommate clan ...
TO: Maxim photo subject ...
TO: Actor on the cast of "Into the Blue 2" and some horror movie



WHITNEY PORT

FROM: Conrad's childhood friend ...
TO: Conrad's sidekick on her MTV reality show journey ...
TO: Star of the upcoming spinoff "The City"

'ER' bromance

Noah Wyle talks too much. The former "ER" star did last week, anyway, when he told TV Guide that George Clooney might appear on the series finale. "I got—not severely—but slightly chastised for making those comments," Wyle told RedEye on Tuesday when talking about his return to the show. "[I] was told that I could talk about my own excitement levels about coming back, but not anybody else's." "But since it's just you and me, you know, I hope so," Wyle said when asked if his character would run into his mentor, Dr. Peter Benton (Eriq La Salle). "He was the best love interest I ever had."



Wyle

Batman vs. Batman

Holy lawsuit, Batman! "Dark Knight" director Christopher Nolan and Warner Bros. is being accused by the mayor of the real city of Batman (in Turkey) of using the name without permission, Variety reported. Huseyin Kalkan, who says, "there is only one Batman in the world," is seeking royalties from the studio. A studio representative said they have not been served with any suit yet.

Wait, you work for me!

Brad Pitt was manhandled—by his bodyguard? On Monday at a screening of his new movie "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," the other half of Bradgelina was grabbed and pushed by a security guard who had been hired to protect him from the paparazzi, people.com reported. Pitt described the paparazzi as "more aggressive than usual," but ultimately it was "just another day in the life ..."

**SPENCER PRATT****FROM:** No one really knows ...**TO:** Resident villain on "The Hills" ...**TO:** Heidi Montag's boyfriend ...**TO:** Tabloid staple (with a guest spot on "How on I Met Your Mother")**HEIDI MONTAG****FROM:** Conrad's friend and roommate ...**TO:** Conrad's frenemy and Pratt's girlfriend ...**TO:** Fledgling singer ...**TO:** Tabloid staple (also with a "HIMYM" spot)**GET US ON YOUR PHONE**

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**Philbin****Laurie****Baby on board**

"Big Daddy," indeed. Adam Sandler and his wife Jackie have welcomed their second child, **usmagazine.com** reports. "Jackie and Adam had a beautiful baby girl, Sunny Madeline on November 2," Sandler posted on his Web site. "Everyone is happy and healthy." The pair have a 2-year-old daughter, Sadie.



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Oh no she DIDN'T! In an interview with Vogue magazine, Jennifer Aniston says it was "really uncool" for Angelina Jolie to tell all about Jolie's romance with Brad Pitt.

Aniston tells the mag in its December issue that she was peeved about the details of how Jolie fell for Pitt on the set of "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," when he

was still married to Aniston.

"There was stuff ... that was definitely from a time when I was unaware that it was happening," Aniston said, according to excerpts from usmagazine.com.

And don't ask her about on-again, off-again boyfriend John Mayer. Her response: "People need to mind their own business."



Paging Mr. Miyagi

Jaden Smith (left) is about to take Hollywood by storm—by a powerful crane kick, actually. The 10-year-old son of Will and Jada Pinkett Smith is set to star in the remake of the 1984 hit "The Karate Kid," Variety reports.

And bonus: Jaden's already into martial arts, according to Variety. Also reported: The script is still being written and filming will begin next year in Beijing. The film will borrow elements from the original plot.



THE VELVET ROPE

Blast from the past

Is there sibling animosity between Brandon and Brenda Walsh?

That's the way it sounded Tuesday when Jason Priestley, who played Brandon on "Beverly Hills 90210," heard that the episode of "90210" he is directing in January will have Brenda falling ill to a horrible disease.

"That's news to me," he said during a call with reporters, "but this is fantastic! That's going to be awesome!"

Priestley, who won't reprise his role on the new series, said he doesn't know what will happen to Brenda, played by his original co-star, Shannen Doherty, or anyone else in his episode.

"I don't even know if the episode is written yet, but I love all those rumors," he said. "That's juicy stuff."



'Gossip' drama?

Watch your keister, Meester!

That's what we imagine "Gossip Girl" star Blake Lively might say to her on-air nemesis Leighton

Lively

Meester if they really were feuding.

But they're *totally* not, Lively insists in a new interview with W magazine.

"I've never really had a competitive relationship in any work situation," she tells the mag. "The media is always trying to pit us against each other, I guess because it's just not interesting to say, 'Everyone gets along; everybody just works 18-hour days and goes home to sleep.' That's not fun to read, I guess."

So true, Blake. So true.

THE DIGIT

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The number of pounds that Fergie (right) gained for her role in the movie musical "Nine," according to usmagazine.com.



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